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sustainable building incentives

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- Seattle Department of Design, Construction and Land Use. Previous issues featured
- incentives and assistance for residential projects and an overview of the City's Sustainable
- Building Program, available online at www.cityofseattle.net/dclu/sustainability.

Assistance Available to Seattle Businesses

- If you are a building owner looking to lower your utility bills; a business owner work-
- ing with an architect to design a workspace that is more comfortable, healthy and
- productive; or a contractor interested in reducing waste disposal fees, you can make
- an investment in Seattle's future by taking advantage of financial incentives and
- technical assistance programs available from the City.

- The programs are designed to help you lessen the environmental impact of your
- choices while also meeting Seattle's sustainability goals—a vital economy, healthy
- environment, and strong community. Examples of the types of
- programs available are listed on page 2. For more details on
- individual programs, visit the City department or website listed.
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The LEED™ Incentive

The City of Seattle was the first city in the nation to formally adopt the green building rating system called LEED as its design and performance standard. LEED, which stands for "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design," was developed by the U.S.

- Green Building Council to provide a definition of green building and industry standards.
- LEED focuses on five main categories, each containing criteria that were devel-
- oped to represent the best practices in the U.S. marketplace. The categories are
- Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy & Atmosphere, Materials & Resources, and
- Indoor Environmental Quality.

- Seattle established an incentive fund to encourage non-City projects to join
- Seattle in transforming the local marketplace by achieving LEED certification for their
- buildings. It's working. There are 28 LEED-registered projects located in Seattle,
- representing more than three million square feet of multi-family residential, com-
- mercial and government projects. In fact, only Portland can boast more LEED-
- registered projects than Seattle.

- For more information on the LEED Incentive, visit www.usgbc.org.



Blakeley Village, a new University of Washington student housing community next to University Village, took advantage of the LEED™ Incentive. The project is being developed by Lorig Associates, designed by Mithun and built by Walsh Construction.

(Blakeley Village rendering by Mithun)

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Sustainable Building

Financial assistance to help you incorporate sustainable building goals early on in the pre-design process, when they are most cost-effective. Technical assistance and resources to help you improve the environmental and economic performance of your building project.

Seattle City Light LEED(tm) Pilot Incentive

www.cityofseattle.net/light/conserve/sustainability/leed

Business & Industry Resource Venture

www.resourceventure.org

BetterBricks

www.betterbricks.com

Water Conservation

Financial assistance and resources to help you save up to 50% of the cost of installing a wide range of water-efficient technologies from irrigation to cooling equipment for commercial, institutional and industrial customers.

Seattle Public Utilities Conservation Programs

www.cityofseattle.net/util/RESCONS

Site & Landscape

Financial assistance and resources to help you protect or enhance the local watershed, salmon habitat and urban forest. Technical assistance for better landscape design and maintenance choices.

King County Department of Natural Resources

dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/resource.htm

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Urban Forest & Habitat

Financial assistance and resources for partnership projects that increase our forest canopy and restore urban forests and habitat.

King County Department of Natural Resources

dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/lands/urhrdesc.htm

Department of Neighborhood Tree Fund

<http://cityofseattle.net/don/trees/trees.htm>

Energy Conservation

Energy conservation programs ranging from rebates up to 70% of conservation strategies in new or existing buildings to installation of the VendingMiser, an occupancy sensor that powers down vending machines. Other programs help you reduce energy use for lighting or commission your building to optimize its performance.

Seattle City Light Business Conservation Programs

www.cityofseattle.net/light/conserve/business

Built Smart

www.cityofseattle.net/light/conserve/resident/cv5_bs.htm

Lighting Design Lab

www.lightingdesignlab.com/commercial

Materials & Resources

Technical assistance and resources to assist you with increasing your recycling rate during construction and when your building is occupied. Closing the loop, resources are available to help you select recycled-content products and materials.

Business & Industry Resource Venture

www.resourceventure.org

Seattle Public Utilities

www.cityofseattle.net/util/services/apartment/

Preservation

Financial assistance and resources are available to help you preserve the character and architecture of historic buildings. Low interest loans and grants are available for rehabilitating or weatherizing housing property that help preserve or develop low-income and affordable housing.

Seattle Historic Preservation

www.cityofseattle.net/don/uc/

Office of Housing

www.cityofseattle.net/housing/LoanPrograms.htm

Community

Grants that fund a variety of community projects, ranging from protecting clean water to neighborhood planning. Each grant program has a specific focus (e.g., Dept. of Neighborhoods assists communities with a broad array of neighborhood-initiated improvement, organizing or planning projects).

Neighborhood Matching Fund Program

www.cityofseattle.net/don/basic.htm

Grant Central Station

www.cityofseattle.net/util/ept/grantcentralstation

Transportation

Services and assistance to help you create a program that motivates employees to commute to work, choosing an alternative to driving alone.

King County Employer Commute Services

transit.metrokc.gov/programs_info/employer/empcommute.html